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W. CALVIN CHASE, EDITOR.

The people's journal is the B. E.

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The celebration of the late Emancipation of Cuban slaves will be held under the auspices of the Philomathian Literary Society on Thursday evening Nov. 11, at Lincoln Memorial church, 11th and R sts., Wednesday evening, Nov. 10.

The melancholy days are come, the tinted and seered leaves are falling thick and fast, the sky is growing dark and gray, the wind sighs through the tree tops. All these signs point to wintry winds in the near future and the duds are employing his strategy to redeem his pained overcoat.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." One thousand Negroes have joined churches of Columbia since the earthquake. All through the south where the earthquake has felt the preachers have had little trouble in calling up mourners to the anxious seat, or mourners bech.

"When the devil got sick,  
"The devil a monk would be;  
"When the devil got well,  
"The devil a monk was he."

All the Literary societies in the city are invited to attend and participate in the celebration. The pastors of the various churches and their congregations are also respectfully invited as well as the public. The program to be carried out will be entertaining. Col. Geo. W. Williams, the Negro historian of the United States, has accepted an invitation to deliver the oration and a literary treat may be thus assured. The Orpheus Glee Club have been invited to enliven the occasion with their renowned vocal selections and a lady has been assigned the task of reading an original poem applicable to the occasion.

At the late state convention of colored men in Texas resolutions were passed taking notice of and denouncing the violence, lynching and assassination that has been recently going on in that state and recommending that committees be appointed in every organized county to report all outrages upon inoffensive persons to the Governor. It would look by this as if Texas is plodding along very slowly in the route of civilization. The strong arm of the civil law should be powerful enough to protect all persons in every state in the Union. It is discouraging to think of the barbarities practiced in many parts of the United States, a country boasting of popular liberty and Christian civilization.

The night schools to be opened soon in this city supplies a want long felt and is worthy of being initiated by other cities. There are many young people and adults, who have been forced to leave school with their education far from being finished to go into the world as bread winners. The night schools lately inaugurated afford facilities for such to finish the common English branches, at least, which may be instrumental in preparing them for higher grades of labor. It is a step in the right direction and we hope the public will show a just appreciation of the enterprise by patronizing the night schools. There

are three colored and three white school buildings and a corps of competent teachers will be glad to welcome all who may see proper to take advantage of the inducements offered.

W. Edgar Easton, editor of the Texas Blade has had correspondence with the State Department relative to the arrest or kidnapping of Albert Stephens, colored, a citizen of Texas who it is alleged is now incarcerated in the common jail at Chihuahua Mexico without due process of law and deprived of a speedy trial for the offense alleged against him. The acting secretary of State has instructed the United States Minister to bring the complaint to the attention of the government of Mexico to secure for Stephens a fair trial and procuring all the defense to which the accused is entitled. Stephens is represented to be a respectable, law abiding citizen and the action of the State Department in interfering in his behalf will have the effect not only to relieve Stephens from persecution, but will be an assurance that all classes of citizens in this country, irrespective of color are to share alike the protection of their government.

The political upheavals as demonstrated in the late elections throughout the country indicate the mutability of political parties, how they can be shifted by the impulse of public sentiment governed by new and living issues. The Labor party is a standing menace to the old political parties for the question of bread and butter is paramount to all other questions when the country is at peace with all the world and no internal commotions threaten its permanence. Hence in New York city the poorer classes in the hope of bettering their condition have abandoned former party affiliation. And the sentiment among the laboring classes has swept over the country like a tornado and organized as it is at present its power may well be feared by the political leaders of other parties.

The prohibition element in the country is also aggressive and tenacious in the effort to annihilate the rum traffic. No one can with certainty prophesy to what proportions this little party may yet attain.

The party of civil service reform which professes to want the management of the governmental machinery run so that the greatest good may be secured to the greatest number and which regards political opinion as a trivial consideration and now sustaining the present administration, is also being felt in the current history of the country. These contending factions battling for the supremacy of their ideas cannot but have a wholesome effect on the public. In the clash and clang, or the strife and tumult it is probable that the "survival of the fittest" ideas will be the result. If sectional rancor and race prejudice will be forced to the bottom, the struggle will not have been in vain.

## EMANCIPATION OF CUBAN SLAVES.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED. A BIG CELEBRATION ANTICIPATED. DISTINGUISHED GUESTS TO BE PRESENT AC.

The committee of arrangements for the Celebration of the Emancipation of the Cuban Slaves has completed all the necessary arrangements for the exercises which will be held in the Lincoln Memorial church Wednesday evening Nov. 10th, under the auspices of the Philomathian Literary Association of the 24 Baptist church. Hon. G. W. Williams the colored Historian of the United States will pronounce the oration. Prof. A. S. Richardson will read the edict of the Emancipation, which the Spanish legation has kindly furnished and who will be present.

Mr. W. Calvin Chase will preside and Miss Lizzie Mason, will act as secretary. Rev. Geo. W. Moore will act as chaplain. Invitations will be sent to the diplomatic representatives, the president of the United States, Recorder J. C. Matthews, the ministers of all the colored churches and other distinguished people. The Orpheus Glee Club and the Asbury choir has been invited to render music, also a solo by Mr. J. L. Johnson, accompanied by Miss Mary Nalle. Admission will be 10 cts., which will be for the benefit of Lincoln Memorial church.

## THE COBB TICKET ELECTED. COLORED MEN RECOGNIZED.

Tarboro, N. C., Nov. 3d, 1886.  
Mr. Ed.—The official returns of yesterday's election have not come in yet but it is already conceded that the ticket known as the "Cobb Faction" in this county is elected by a surprising majority.

The following colored men were on that ticket for the Senate: Hon. R. S. Taylor, for the House Hon. Dred Wimberly } R. C. Crenshaw. }

For the Register of Deeds Frank M. Hines, for the Surveyor, Victor E. Howard; for the Coroner, Charles W. Lewis; for the Constable George Lloyd.

Will write again when the returns are thoroughly canvassed.

Yours,  
M. G. PITTMAN.

## THE PHILOMATHIAN.

THE NEGRO AS AN INDEPENDENT. MR. A. P. ALBERT OF NEW ORLEANS GREETED WITH A LARGE HOUSE THE DISTINGUISHED CREOLE DISCUSSES THE QUESTION. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF THE CUBAN SLAVES.

The Philomathian literary association met as usual last Thursday evening, the president Mr. Chase announced that on account of the revivals going on in the church the society would meet until further notice at the Galbraith church 6th st., bet L and M sts., n. w., that the pastor, Rev. Harvey Anderson kindly allowed the society to meet there on Wednesday evenings. The church last Thursday evening was crowded almost to its fullest extent. Mr. J. L. Johnson, who had kindly consented to sing a solo, accompanied by Miss Mary Nalle, had to be disappointed much to the regret of all, on account of the piano not arriving. The choir also announced that the emancipation celebration on Cuban slaves would take place on Thursday evening and notice of the place would appear in the daily papers. After which Mr. A. P. Albert of New Orleans, La., was introduced and read a well written paper entitled "The Spirit of

INDEPENDENCE IN THE NEGRO. The speaker said: Man, in a primitive state, may be independent of fellow man; but when he has decided to surrender some of his natural rights, and enters upon a civilized state of existence he becomes at once more or less a dependent creature. Yet, when a man becomes possessed of a large share of this world's goods, and is so situated that he is in no degree dependent upon the gratuitous assistance of his neighbors or the favor of his friends, we say he is independent. The Negro is endowed with all the faculties which make the more favored race. With equal advantages the race will prove itself the equal of any other race. But he has been, and is still under a ban \* \* \* His progress will be in proportion to his intelligence, thrift, industry and economy; his stability, independence and self reliance. What the Negro needs at present is more education, unity and co-operation; self reliance and more of this world's goods; having these his independent nature will soon thereafter assert itself. Not the education of the head only does he need, with several years spent in would be colleges, qui, quae, quod, hic haec, hoc, or domus, etc., in order to be able to say in after years "I studied Latin or Greek three or four years, but I have forgotten it all now. By

CO-OPERATION,

in the rich and fertile cotton lands of Louisiana and other cotton growing states, they might own numerous small farms. They might also have large furnishing stores and commission houses, which could make advances to the farmer and dispose of his produce in return. Had the Negro been properly taught from the first, his present condition would not be what it is. The time wasted on Greek and Latin and in too many cases, on professional studies might have been spent to much better advantage. I am aware that a man's calling and professions have much to do with his independence. The working-man cannot be independent of his employer. That labor is not and cannot be independent of capital. In order for the Negro to become an independent factor in politics, it is necessary that he becomes independent financially, and the cultivation of the soil, seems at present the surest and safest way

to the attainment of this condition. The more independent he becomes financially the more independent he becomes politically. As individuals we can be the equals of any individual of any other race or people; but as a race, we will be inferior for some time yet to come \* \* \* Even when it comes to dropping a vote into the

## BALLOT BOX.

For should an employer say to his Negro employee, "You vote this way or that else I cannot employ you, the Negro, if he has little ones at home dependent upon him for daily bread cannot refuse to comply. Messrs. Powderly, Burk and others are the Negroes true friends, and allow me to say that their encouraging cheering words are fully appreciated by the Negro. For

MR. CLEVELAND

to have kept his promises to the Negro, as he has done in the face of the known and alleged traditions of the democratic party south, for Mr. Baudmann to have invited Mr. Ferrell, a Negro of dark hue to occupy a front seat in the orchestra chairs of the principal theater in the ex-confederate capital; for Mr. Powderly to have invited the same Negro, Mr. Ferrell to introduce him to a convention of representatives of Knights of Labor &c., I say takes more than ordinary moral courage. \* \* In conclusion, let me say, be steadfast and true, true to yourself, to those with whom you will come to be respectable in due time, as a worthy deserving race of people

Mr. G. O. H. Richardson paid a high compliment to the paper and thought the audience should heed it.

Mr. Leftwich took exception to the rebuke Mr. Albert gave college Greek and Latin students.

Mr. Geo. M. Arnold, as usual electrified his audience by giving good sound advice. He declined to receive any applause.

Mr. Batts took exception to the paper and did not believe that the republican party should so soon be forgotten.

Mr. A. S. Richardson, who seemed to be the favorite of the sisters in the amen corner was asked where he stood. He made good points.

The society adjourned to meet at the Lincoln Memorial church, cor. 11th and R sts., n. w., Wednesday Nov. 10th.

## THE CAPITAL CITY GUARD.

COL. F. C. REVELL'S GRAND RECEPTION. THE NEW COMMANDER TAKES CHARGE AND MAKES A SPEECH.

The Capital City Guard held a special meeting, October 18th for the purpose of electing a Lieut. Colonel, the nominees being Capt. Perry, Lieut. Joyce, Capt. Meredith and Mr. F. C. Revells. The first three having declined the nomination, Mr. Revells was unanimously elected. Capt. Campbell and Meredith and Lieutenants Chapman and Joyce with Capt. Perry as spokesman were appointed a committee to inform Mr. Revells of his election. The committee waited upon Mr. Revells at his parlors at the Philadelphia House and was cordially received and banquetted. The following letter of acceptance was handed the committee for presentation to the corps: Washington, D. C., Oct. 21, '86

To the Senior Captain commanding, Officers and Members of the Capital City Guard, Gentlemen:

Having been notified by your committee of my election as Lieut. Colonel of your Corps, I beg to tender you my sincere thanks for the high honor you have been pleased to confer upon me, and accepting the position, I assure you that I fully realize the responsibility, as well as the honor or the office bears. I shall rely upon your cheerful soldierly support for success; and hereby appoint Thursday the 28th inst., at 8 o'clock p. m., as the time I will be pleased to meet the entire command to make known my official acceptance, and to formally enter upon the discharge of my duties.

Hoping that it will be your pleasure to be out in full numbers on such an important occasion, I am very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
F. C. Revells.

Thursday, October 28th the corps turned out in full uniform to receive the new Lieut. Colonel, the hall being crowded with hon-

orary members, members of the G. A. R. and others. At 8 o'clock the line was formed and the Lieutenant Col. escorted in by Lieuts. Joyce and Chapman.

Capt. Perry introduced the organization and welcomed the Col. with few but choice remarks, such as he usually gets off on occasions of the kind. Col. Revell's reply was quite lengthy and full of eloquence. Among other things he said: "That he would expect the untiring support of the entire corps, as he himself was a disciplinarian and that he would expect to make one of each member of the corps, from the lowest to the highest, that he would hold every officer strictly responsible for the strict performance of his respective duty. He would be attentive and with their assistance would make the organization second to none in discipline and drill. He complimented the organization as being one of the finest in the country and promised that they should lose no ground, while under his command." At the conclusion of his remarks, the Colonel and friends assembled were invited by Capt. Perry to partake of a banquet which had been prepared in his honor, on which occasion addresses were made by Messrs. Ananias Herbert, J. K. Roy, and Maj. W. C. Cox and others. After an hour or two spent in disposing of the delicacies prepared by Quartermaster Joyce the assemblage dispersed feeling highly gratified with the reception tendered them.

## AUGUSTUS DIGGS FILES A SUIT.

AN ILLEGAL DISCHARGE WHICH THE COURTS ARE CALLED UPON TO DECIDE.

Augustus Diggs by his attorney E. M. Hewlett has filed a suit in the court of claims against the secretary of the Interior. The circumstances in the case are as follows: He was appointed as a laborer in the Department of the Interior under a contract with the United States, made for and in behalf of the United States by Carl Schurz, then secretary of the Interior. He worked under said contract until the 11th day of January 1881, he worked until June 24, who received a circular over the signature of A. Bell, then acting secretary of said Interior and in accordance with the request made in said circular, he sent in his resignation and said Diggs continued to work as a laborer in accordance with the request contained in said letter of resignation, until Congress made an appropriation for the volunteer service mentioned in said last mentioned circular, and that after said appropriation by Congress the said Diggs continued to work as laborer in said department under a contract partly expressed and partly implied, the fact in relation to the last mentioned contract is as follows: viz:

The name of said Diggs was carried back to the regular roll, which roll contains only the names of those regularly appointed. He continued to work under said last mentioned contract until the 21 day of March, 1882 on which day said Diggs received a circular signed by one Burr, then acting chief clerk, stating that his services were no longer required; and in consequence of the receipt of said circular Diggs ceased to work as laborer in said Department; that the pretended discharge contained in said last mentioned circular, was without sanction or authority of law. In consequence of said pretended discharge he claims pay under and by said contract at the rate of \$40 per month.

This case has created quite an interest, and as there are others who were discharged under similar circumstances, they are watching the decision of the court with great anxiety.

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